



# MINISTER TO MINISTER

The Texas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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## District Announcements

### Day of Repentance 2024

I invite you to join me in a Day of Repentance on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Will you approach the throne of grace in prayer personally? Will you bring your prayers of repentance to our loving God on behalf of the church? Will you let the pandemic—and all the trials of this broken world—become a prayerful pathway to renewed faith and fresh proclamation of the saving Good News? People need what have received. Please join me in asking God to renew our hearts and minds with faith and to create in us a firm resolve to share His gifts with all people.

Rev. Michael W. Newman, President  
Texas District, LCMS

Find additional resources for the Day of Repentance at the link below.

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### Bach Cantata Series

Sunday, February 11, 4:00 p.m., at Zion, Dallas. Come hear and see the Gospel of Christ proclaimed through the music of J.S. Bach, set in the context of Evening Prayer. Featuring the Zion Lutheran Adult Choir and the Vox Aquilae from the University of North Texas.

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## New Free Resource

Daily Lutheran devotions for Spanish-speakers! *La Palabra del Señor Permanece Para Siempre* ("The Word of the Lord Endures Forever") is now available from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation at <https://pubsearch.lhfmissions.org/>. From the link, search by language or title to download the most recent edition. These quarterly collections of devotions are written by LCMS Latin American missionaries and by pastors of LCMS Latin American partner churches.

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## Church Interpreter Training Academy

Jesus Deaf Lutheran Church along with her dual-parish, St. Paul Lutheran Church is hosting Church Interpreter Training Academy (CITA) on February 15th to 18th. Beginners (even those who do not know any sign language) and Signers (of all levels) are welcome!

For beginners, there will be classes about conversational signs and signs in the church and Scripture. For signers, there will be classes about interpreting (signing) Scripture and hymns, and the Divine Service. There will be presentations on Deaf Culture/Ministry and on using the liturgy in the Divine Service.

A special two-hour ASL class for K-12 students is being offered as well!

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## District Prayers

### For Gospel Ministers & Ministries

MISSION PRAYER REQUESTS

*Father, send Your Holy Spirit to prepare the hearts of those yet to know Jesus, and bring His love and good news through our partner ministries & mission workers.*

*To become a Prayer Partner and have Mission Prayer requests delivered weekly to your inbox, please [CLICK HERE!](#)*

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### For Peace and Assurance

*Father, we thank you for the lives of service of Nancy Haupt and John Curlee. To their friends and family, grant peace and assurance in the victory of Your Son's resurrection.*

Mrs. Nancy Haupt, wife of Rev. James Haupt, (Em., San Antonio) joined her Savior's

side on Saturday, January 27, 2024. Arrangements are pending.

Mr. John Curlee, son-in-law of Mrs. Jean Linderman and the late Rev. James Linderman, former district president entered heavenly rest on Tuesday, January 30, 2024. Visitation will be Tuesday, February 6 at 1:00 p.m. at Faith, Georgetown (4010 Williams Dr.), followed by the funeral at 2:00 p.m. and burial in Salado.

*For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. -Romans 14:8*

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## For Healing, Strength, and Encouragement

*Dear healing Jesus, hear our prayers for...*

- Couple involved in car accident (Ebenezer, Manheim)
- Mrs. Audrey Abel, wife of Rev. Alan Abel (Em., Gatesville)
- Rev. Jonathan Bontke (Beautiful Savior, Austin)
- Rev. David Brockhouse (Mt. Olive, San Antonio)
- Rev. Mario Casillas (Candidate, Port Arthur)
- Rev. Walter Chelmo (Em., Clifton)
- Rev. Robert Cheney (Em., Tomball) - in hospice
- Rev. Walter Dube (Em., The Woodlands)
- Mr. David Goeke (Em., San Antonio)
- Rev. Wayne Graumann (Em., Tomball)
- Mrs. Cynthia Hadley, wife of Rev. Tom Hadley (Em., Campbell)
- Rev. Chris Johnson (Em., Hewitt)
- Mr. Tim Kerkman, son of DCE Randall & Sandra Kerkman (Em., Austin)
- Mrs. Judith Kurth, wife of Rev. Richard Kurth (Em., Dallas)
- Mrs. Nancy Loomis, widow of Rev. Richard Loomis (Em., Katy)
- Mrs. Evie Mann, wife of Rev. James Mann (Em., Cedar Park)
- Mrs. Betty Michalk, wife of Rev. Wilbern Michalk (Em., Georgetown)
- Mr. Ted Nelson (Em., Houston)
- Mrs. Laurine Watson, wife of Chaplain Joe Watson (Buckley AFB, CO)
- Mr. Eric Willis (City Lights Network, DFW)

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## Call Central

*Gracious God, we give You thanks and praise for our church workers, and their opportunities to serve. Give them Your Spirit's gifts of wisdom, discernment, and faith to trust you in their decision making and future seasons of ministry.*

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## New Calls

### Commissioned

#### Accepted

Scott Browning, Principal, St. Paul, Fort Worth, to Principal, Lutheran South Academy, Houston

### Ordained

#### Undecided

Rev. Stephen DeMik, Sole, Cypress Chapel, Cypress, to Assoc., Hope, Lubbock

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## Upcoming Installations

*Lord, thank you for providing undershepherds for your flock. Please work through these men in their new callings, to love and lead with the heart and Spirit of Christ.*

**Randall Sanders, SMP**

Ordination & Installation: 2/18/24, 10:00 a.m. at Zion, Abilene

**Rev. David Truenow, Sole**

2/11/24, 10:30 a.m. at Evangelists, Kingsbury

## Ordination Anniversaries

### February

#### 40 years

Rev. Neldo Schmidt (February 12, 1984) - King of Kings, San Antonio

#### 30 years

Rev. Curtis Giese (February 27, 1994) - Candidate, Austin

#### 10 years

Rev. Antonio Mercado (February 16, 2014) - Verdad y Vida, Baytown

#### 5 years

Rev. Jeffrey Salomon (February 10, 2019) - Candidate, Rockwall

## Upcoming District Events

# 2024

April 15-16

**TEXAS DISTRICT THEOLOGICAL CONVOCATION**

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